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SUBJECT: KNESSET COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ON GAZA STRIP

1. FOLLOWING A DISCUSSION OF FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON'S VIEW EXPRESSED IN HIS FOREIGN AFFAIRS ARTICLE (SEE TEL AVIV 76 A-241) OF THE UNDESIRABILITY OF RETAINING GAZA CITY WITHIN ISRAEL'S FINAL BORDERS, THE KNESSET FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 16 PASSED A TWO-PART RESOLUTION ON THE GAZA STRIP. THE FIRST PART OF THE RESOLUTION, WHICH NOTED THAT ALLON HAD STATED (ONLY) A "PERSONAL OPINION," WAS SUPPORTED BY THE ALIGNEMENT AND THE ILP, WITH THE LIKUD AND THE RELIGIOUS PARTIES ABSTAINING, WHILE THE SECOND PARY, WHICH REAFFIRMED THE VALIDITY OF A 1968 GOVERNMENT DECISION THAT THE GAZA STRIP WOULD BE WITHIN ISRAEL'S EVENTUAL BORDERS, WAS SUPPORTED BY THE LIKUD, WITH THE ALIGNMENT ABSTAINING.

2. OBSERVERS NOTED THAT THE LIKUD HAS BEEN WAITING FOR FIVE MONTHS TO REDRESS THE EFFECTS OF ALLON'S
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STATEMENT OF HIS VIEW ON GAZA AND THAT IT TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE TEMPORARY ABSENCE OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN NAVON, WITH LIKUD MK LANDAU SITTING IN HIS STAED, TO FORCE THE ALIGNMENT TO STRIKE A TRADE-OFF EMBARRASSING TO ALLON. THERE WAS ALSO SOME SEPCULATION THAT THE COMMITTEE'S DEBATE WAS DELIBERATELY SCHEDULED FOR THE DATE SECRETARY VANCE WAS IN JERUSALEM. THE GAZA CON-

SERVATIVE FACTION SEND A CABLE FEBRUARY 17 TO PRIME
MINISTER RABIN TO PROTEST THE RESOLUTION.
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